



AGC/WSDOT ROADWAY TEAM

MINUTES for Meeting of February 26, 2004

AGC Office, Tacoma WA

Attending:

Frank Scarsella	_____	Bill Grady	_____X	Joe Spink	_____
Dan Glover	_____	Jim Spaid	_____X	Terry Mattson	_____
Ray Arnold	_____	Dean Moberg	_____X	Mike Morishige	_____
Larry Eik	_____X	Jeff Peterson	_____	Kyle Zender	_____X

Minutes of January 15, 2004 Meeting

Distributed copies and no added comments made.

Old Business

Minutes of Other Team Meetings: Meeting notes from the Administration and Structures Teams were distributed and discussed as follows:

Admin Team –the last meeting was held on February 16, 2004 – Jim Spaid noted that a “Prompt Pay Task Force” has been formed to look into payments to contractors. Their first meeting was held on February 25th. He also pointed out that the Admin. Team is still looking at progress schedules as they relate to section 1-08.3 of the Standard Specifications.

A previous meeting was also held on January 16, 2004 – Jim discussed some of the highlights from this meeting. They included; the announcement of the “Excellence in Contract Administration” awards, and a discussion on Temporary Traffic Control – information is still being gathered on this issue. The Admin. Team will also be looking at NCHRP- 350 and Roll-Up Signs.

Structures Team meeting of January 16, 2004 – Jim Spaid noted that bridge security is becoming a major concern nationally. Two single span pre-stressed bridges will be constructed at the Yakima Training Center and evaluated for damage from explosive charges by the U. S. Army.

The next meetings for both the Structures and Administration Teams are scheduled for March 12, 2004. Meeting notes from various industry/WSDOT teams may be viewed at the State Construction Office website at the following address: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/biz/construction/Default.cfm>

Old Business

Retaining Wall Specifications – Section 6-11 through 6-18,

Larry Eik provided a copy of the proposed Retaining Wall amendment package for the April update. These amendments revise Sections 6-11 to 6-18 of the Standard Specifications. A general discussion followed regarding the experience requirements in Sections 6-15 and 6-17, a comment was made that these requirements could be difficult in a busy market.

Contact Larry directly if you would like to have an electronic copy of these amendments forwarded to you. They will also be available on line from the WSDOT website.

Solid Waste Handling - Jim Spaid provided an update on this item stating that the Department of Ecology will be re-opening the rule making to revise definitions pertaining to contaminated and clean soil. The WSDOT Environmental Affairs Office will be continuing to work with the Department of Ecology toward a resolution that meets our construction needs.

Silt Fence – Section 8-01.3(9)A – Jim Spaid stated that he is still working on this issue with the Materials Lab and Environmental Services. They are evaluating the weight of steel posts utilized with the installation of silt fence on construction projects. A concern was raised that the 1.33 lb./ ft. posts that we currently specify are not necessary and that 0.95 lb./ ft. posts would meet our needs.

New Business

Gray Notebook – Jim Spaid provided the team with copies and an overview of the latest Gray Notebook for the quarter ending December 31, 2003. A general discussion followed on the following sections:

- The Highway Construction Project Ratings for 2003 – design, management, schedule, and cost.

- Pavement Assessment Annual Update – HMA and PCCP statewide rating.

- Pavement Condition – statewide smoothness rating

- Erosion Control Preparedness Annual Update – good weather conditions last fall allowed work to continue later into the normally wet season. This contributed to an increase in the poor category of such things as protection of cut and fill slopes, amount of disturbed soil covered by erosion control measures, and stabilization of construction access routes and temporary storm water channels.

Fence and Guardrail – Section 9-16 – Jim Spaid provided the team with a draft copy of the proposed revisions for the fence and guardrail material specifications. The changes involved the materials used for chain link and wire fences and steel posts. He asked folks to review these revisions, seek input from suppliers, and provide comments back to him. Revisions are anticipated to be included in the August amendment package. An electronic copy of this section is attached to these minutes.

ESC Lead Issue – Jim Spaid lead the discussion on this issue asking if we should re-look at the requirements for ESC duties. The concern was surfaced in relation to the Hood

Canal Bridge project, on which there are two distinct and separate sites that are 45 minutes driving time apart.

A general discussion followed voicing concerns on possible ways to manage these types of projects. The consensus was to look at the possibility of providing for an alternate lead person on these projects and to include a bid item per each for this person.

Steel Price Escalation – Jim Spaid informed the group about the escalating prices of steel occurring on a national level. Suppliers are not able to provide quotes to contractors for more than one week. This issue will be discussed further at the next Lead Team meeting scheduled for early March. Jim will provide an update on this issue at next months meeting.

Other Business

Discussion Topics

The following list of topics will be kept as part of the minutes and future agendas to indicate the items that have surfaced as issues for discussion by the team. As each issue is addressed, it may be removed from the list. As new issues are raised, they will be added to the list as a reminder of the things that need discussion:

{Note: Issues that are added will now include the date (11/30/00) they were included on the list so the team can track their longevity}

- Galvanizing of fence products – review of current specs for consistency.
- Shoulder Rock - further discussion of method of payment.
- Smoothness Specification for ACP - this is an issue of information. A subcommittee of the APAW/WSDOT Joint Task Force is working on the specifics of this issue.
- Longitudinal Wedge Joint
- Testing Storm Sewer Pipe - recent changes in the testing requirements for HDPE pipe have increased the length of time for testing.
(5/24/01) - What is the background for those changes?
(9/20/01) - Discussed the duration of the test. Bill G. said why hold it so long when you know within the first few minutes if you have a leak and thus a failing pipe.
- Signal Detector Loops - Suggested the number of bid items could be reduced by bidding loops per each rather than separate bid items for each type of set (for instance, R1, R2, R3, etc. for loop sets of 1, 2 or 3 loops).
- Structure Excavation Class B – backfilling trenches (5/9/03) Meas. and Payment 2-09
- Aggregate Substitution (5/9/03)
- Documentation requirements for consumables

Next Meeting

Meetings are scheduled for **Thursday March 18, 2004 and Thursday April 15, 2004.** The meetings will be held at the Tacoma AGC office beginning at **8:00am.**

